

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EE438856544US

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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING
MULTIPLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the US national phase application of
PCT/US97/01685 filed herewith, please enter the following
amendments.

In the Claims:

✓Cancel originally filed Claims 1 through 4. Add Claims 5 - 19
as identified below.

5. (Newly added) A method for scheduling events between
first and second video processing devices coupled together, each
device having at least one event timer for storing a scheduled
event, said method comprising:

- a. programming information pertaining to a first event
into an available event timer of said first device;
- b. comparing said first event information to information
pertaining to each event previously scheduled in said first device
for determining conflicts therebetween;